

South Dakota

CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY CONSISTENT SINCE FEBRUARY

SIoux FALLS, April 17, 2003 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 215,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on April 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The April 1 number is down 5,000 head from a year earlier but unchanged from February and March.

Placements during March totaled 44,000 head, unchanged from last year but up 4,000 head from February.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 43,000 head, up 10,000 head from last year and up 4,000 head from February.

Other disappearance during March totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from both last year and last month.

Steer and steer calves totaled 110,000 head, 51 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 97,000 head, 45 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 8,000 head, 4 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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